

**April 25, 2007**

**Bi-weekly meeting of Anthony fire district board of directors**

**Board members Attendance:**

**Gary Cote**

**Edward Webster**

**Pat Lohrer Lefebvre**

**Domenic Terracciano**

**Shirley Matthews**

**Clerk:**

**Antonio Neves**

**Minutes of the meeting:**

**7:04 Open Meeting started**

**Cote: I present to the Anthony Fire Station Chief Warren the new roof saw as per last weeks meeting request, you will need to mark it as you see fit, the saw was purchases at S&T Hardware, by bid process and was purchases for 1,150.00 new with the use of our tax exempt status. The old saw was sent to be repaired and now we will have to roof saws in service. Engine one is back from being repaired, certified as of today, and will be in service soon, the cost of the repairs was**

about 1,700.00 at S & Mitchell equipment. The apartment is now empty; water and electric have been notified to be turned off.

Mathews: Parente's oil has agreed to pump the oil from the apartment and pump it back into the Fire House oil tank.

Cote: the dumpster at the apartment was full and was taken away.

Cote: Agenda item #1, Board member discussion and updates.

7:14pm Cote: motion to seal executive meeting minutes of April 11, 2007

Webster: motion to seal executive meeting minutes of April 11. 2007

Terracciano: second

Cote: all in favor

Board members: aye, unanimously

Cote: Citizen advisory board, the people who are here we would like to interview for the positions.

Cote: question for Mr. Cianello, Paul

Lefebvre: would you like to read your letter of interest,

Cianello: I would but my throat is horse, perhaps you can read it for me.

Terracciano: reads Paul Cianello letter of interest to the board and the audience regarding the citizen advisory board.

Cote: Paul, my concern is about time, will you have the time required?

Cianello: I hope to make the time needed, as I do not know what time is required I still would like to be a part of the citizen advisory board, if I can not make the time required I will step down if I have too.

Cote: We don't have a lot of info yet on what will be required in terms

**of the charter and bylaws.**

**Webster: Motion to accept Paul Cianello application for the citizen advisory board**

**Mathews: second**

**Board members: all in favor, aye unanimously**

**Cote: Welcome to the citizen advisory Board**

**Terracciano: reads letter Mark Colec to the board and audience.**

**Cote: do you live in the district?**

**Colec: I live in the district, and I would like to give back to the district, and I also have the time to donate.**

**Lefebvre: Motion to accept Mark Colec application for the citizen advisory board**

**Webster: second**

**Board members: all in favor, aye unanimously**

**Cote: Welcome to the citizen advisory Board**

**Cote: Walter Yehle application, I recommend Walter to be on the citizen advisory board because of his fire fighting training and experience.**

**Webster: Motion to accept Walter Yehle application for the citizen advisory board**

**Lefebvre: second**

**Board members: all in favor, aye unanimously**

**Cote: Welcome to the citizen advisory Board**

**Joanne Ledoux: I did not submit a letter, but I would like to be on the citizen advisory board to get it started in the direction it needs to go and I have the experience I believe the board will need.**

**Webster: Motion to accept Joanne Ledoux application for the citizen advisory board**

**Matthews: second**

**Board members: all in favor, aye unanimously**

**Cote: Reads letter of interest from Keith Casey and motion to table his application because he is not here to interview, he wants to be on the citizen advisory board and has shown in interest in becoming the new clerk.**

**Audience: does his work schedule clash with clerk schedule?**

**Cote: he states that his work schedule can work around the clerk position schedule.**

**Audience: was he the one, who pushed to sell the ambulances for the new one, I don't think he is a good choice.**

**Webster: did we advertise the clerk position?**

**Cote: I read the letter of resignation of our current clerk at the last meeting to the audience; we selected the current clerk in house because he expressed interest in running for the board.**

**Board member discussion on hiring a new clerk**

**Cote: Kerry Matola expressed an interest on being on the citizens advisory board, and was on the citizen advisory board under the previous administration.**

**Cote: Kerry do you have the time to commit to the position?**

**Matola: I will have the time**

**Webster: Motion to accept Kerry Matola application for the citizen**

**advisory board**

**Lefebvre: second**

**Board members: all in favor, aye unanimously**

**Audience: will board members be in attendance at the citizen advisory board meetings?**

**Cote: yes, but not in official capacity**

**Webster: Motion to close application for the citizen advisory board**

**Lefebvre: second**

**Board members: all in favor, aye unanimously**

**7:43pm Cote: agenda item #2, board member discussion with public participation on new run cards.**

**Cote: explains to the board members and audience on how they work and how they will increase the runs in terms of our equipment will be used more on runs outside our district.**

**I have invited Chief Hocksey to take questions and address concern the other board members have.**

**Chief Hocksey: talks about run cards with the board and audience and what it will provide for us.**

**Webster: why does our ladder truck have to go to the far end of the fire districts?**

**Chief Hocksey: you have one of three ladder trucks in town, ladder trucks are for search and rescue.**

**Lefebvre: you had mentioned 37 calls, were they all fires?**

**Chief Hocksey: no they are calls**

**Lefebvre: how many are fires? What did you do before?**

## **Board member discussion on mutual aide verse automatic aide**

**Matthews:** the problem with the run cards is that Anthony is still separate from the other district, no fairness on the run cards, the run cards are not designed for mutual aide, sounds like we are merging without merging. I believe it's not mutual aide.

**Board member discussion on man power at stations and how mutual aide differs from run cards**

**Chief Warren:** we had a fire, we received help from others districts, we don't have the manpower

**Board members:** fire is a fire

**Cote:** run cards are automatic aide.

**Audience:** was there any participation on the run cards with the board members?

**Chief Warren:** when we went over the creating of the run cards we didn't know that we had to report back to the board about how they work and the decisions made on them so I must apologize

**Cote:** no apology necessary, you are responsible as chief, we are financial policy, doesn't seem to be the same package as mutual aide.

**Board member discussion on NFPA standards on fire assist with amount of calls**

**Board member discussion on sending fire truck**

**Board member discussion on volunteer fire fighters**

**8:45pm Cote: Thank you chief Hocksey for your time**

**Chief Hocksey: I will explain to the board members and address any concerns at a later date**

**Matthews: answers the question, will you rewrite the run cards**

**Chief Hocksey: we will review and see**

**Matthews: personalities need to be addressed**

**Board member discussion on Hopkin's hill to be on board with the run cards**

**Cote: we will move on**

**9:00pm Cote: agenda item #3, Board member Patricia Lefebvre update on fuel purchase through town of Coventry.**

**Lefebvre: we got the cards to buy fuel from the town at a discounted rate**

**Board member discussion on how the fuel cards work**

**Cote: we will keep our account at Pat's garage just in case we have an emergency.**

**9:04pm Cote: Agenda item #4, public comment and discussion**

**Cote: reads letter from Mike Derosa and asks for input from the board for help on getting the 12 lead life pack for the district.**

**Cote: I will sign and indorse the letter and supply a list of donators and see if we can get the money for the new 12 lead life pack.**

**Webster: motion to endorse letter to help get the 12 lead life pack**

**Terracciano: second**

**Board members: all in favor, aye unanimously**

**Ed: grant from Clariant?**

**Derosa: as far as I know we still have it**

**Lefebvre: we need to get info about getting together with the citizen advisory board**

**9:12pm Cote: motion to end open meeting**

**Webster: motion to end open meeting**

**Terracciano: second**

**Board members: all in favor, aye unanimously**